

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Neumann *et al.* Examiner: Not yet assigned
Serial No.: Not yet assigned Group Art Unit: Not yet assigned
Filed: Herewith
For: Three-dimensional catalyst gauzes knitted in two or more layers

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and pursuant to 37 CFR 1.78, and 35 U.S.C. § 119, please enter the following amendment in the above-identified application.

AMENDMENT**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 1, line 3, before the heading **Field of Invention**, please amend the Specification by inserting:

Cross-Reference to Related Application

-- This application claims the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/268,718, which was filed on February 15, 2001 and is incorporated by reference herein. --

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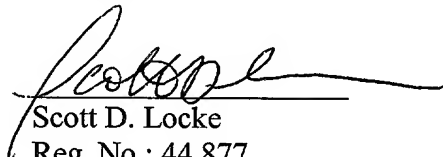
REMARKS

Entry of this amendment is respectfully requested.

Applicants note that in addition to claiming the benefit of the filing date of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/268,718, which was filed on February 15, 2001, as described in the proposed amendment above, they also claim priority to German patent application serial number 101 05 624.9, which was filed on February 8, 2001.

Applicants submit that because this amendment is being filed concurrently with the patent application, no fee is necessary. If any fee is deemed necessary, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 11-0171.

Respectfully submitted,


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